

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

# VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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**Subject : Motorcycle Registration with Unavailable Records**

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### Background

A study is being conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to determine the extent of vehicle theft in California. It has been found that some motorcycle applications that have no prior record on the department's automated system are being issued clear titles in error. To deter the possibility of fraudulent activity that may involve altered or switched motorcycle identification and/or engine numbers, the following new procedures must be completed before the application can be processed.

### Procedures

A motorcycle application accompanied by an Application for Title or Registration, Reg 343, may **only** be verified by the CHP. Complete the appropriate information on the Reg 343 and take it to the nearest CHP office to be verified. (See [attached listing of CHP locations](#).)

DMV personnel and/or other authorized vehicle verifiers may not complete the Verification of Vehicle for a motorcycle with no record on file. This procedure also includes motorcycle applications with no record even if there is a California title or California expired registration card.

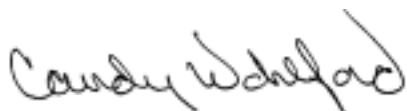
**EXCEPTION:** New motorcycles sold through a California dealer **are not** required to be verified by the CHP.

### Distribution

This memo was distributed in April 2001 to dealers, dismantlers, and Registration Services.

### Contact

- Your local DMV field office regarding questions on processing transactions.
- The DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.



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